18th August 1956]

*Service condition of beedy workers*

* 134 Q.—SRI N. K. PALANISAMY: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) whether this Government received any report from the Special Officer appointed to go into the service conditions of beedy workers; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The report together with the orders of the Government on the recommendations of the special officers will be printed and placed on the table of the House in due course.

* 135 Q.—SRI K. P. GOPALAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state with reference to the answer given on 7th March 1956 to a supplementary question on question No. 3312—

(a) whether the Special Officer appointed by the Government to enquire into the conditions of the beedy industry and beedi workers in the State has submitted his report to the Government; and

(b) if so, whether the Government will place a copy of the report on the table of the House?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: (a) & (b) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer given to Question No. 134 by Sri N. K. Palanisamy, M.L.A.

SRI K. P. GOPALAN: May I know whether the Hon. Minister is in a position to convey to the House some of the recommendations made by the Special Officer who was appointed to go into the services conditions of beedi workers? May I also know when the Government are going to bring forward legislation, based on the recommendations made by the Special Officer? The Hon. Minister gave an assurance on the floor of the House that he would be bringing in some legislation in that connection. I would request the Hon. Minister to have a special sitting of the Assembly if necessary for considering such a legislation as early as possible.

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: I have no personal knowledge about the contents of this report. The recommendations have been forwarded to the Commissioner of Labour for his comments. As soon as his comments are received, the Government will go into the question of the action to be taken, particularly about the legislation that should be undertaken. But, I am not sure whether it will be possible to introduce this legislation before 1st November.

SRI N. K. PALANISAMY: When the enquiry conducted by Sri Natarajan, Special Officer appointed to go into the service conditions of beedi workers was proceeding, big beedi factory